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DECLARATION

I, the below named inventor I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: X-RAY CATHETER.

The specification of which

- a. ☐ is attached hereto
b. ☒ was filed on August 22, 1996 as application serial no. 08/701,764 and was amended on (if applicable) (in the case of a PCT-filed application) described and claimed in international no. filed and as amended on (if any), which I have reviewed and for which I solicit a United States patent.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 (attached hereto).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent of inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on the basis of which priority is claimed:

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b. ☐ such applications have been filed as follows:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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- (2) the closest information over which individuals associated with the filing or prosecution of a patent application believe any pending claim patentably defines, to make sure that any material information contained therein is disclosed to the Office.

(b) Under this section, information is material to patentability when it is not cumulative to information already of record or being made of record in the application, and

- (1) It establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of a claim;
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 - (i) Opposing an argument of unpatentability relied on by the Office, or
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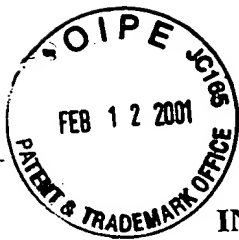
A prima facie case of unpatentability is established when the information compels a conclusion that a claim is unpatentable under the preponderance of evidence, burden-of-proof standard, giving each term in the claim its broadest reasonable construction consistent with the specification, and before any consideration is given to evidence which may be submitted in an attempt to establish a contrary conclusion of patentability.

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- (2) Each attorney or agent who prepares or prosecutes the application; and

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Sir:

The undersigned, having express authority to represent Medtronic AVE, Inc., the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the above-captioned application, by assignment dated November 12, 1996 and by merger dated January 31, 2000, (attached herewith), hereby revokes all powers of attorney heretofore given in the above-captioned application and appoints as its attorneys: Richard L. Klein, Registration No. 33,330; Susan M. Schmitt, Registration No. 34,427; Catherine C. Maresh, 35,268; Deanna J. Shirley, Registration No. 39,026; and James F. Crittenden, Registration No. 39,560, with full power of substitution, association, and revocation, to prosecute said application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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